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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Parties to D.T.E. 01-20, D.T.E. 98-57-Phase III, and D.T.E. 99-271

FROM: Paula Foley, Hearing Officer

DATE: April 17, 2002

RE: Verizon's April 10, 2002 Tariff Filing, D.T.E. 02-26

On April 10, 2002, Verizon filed with the Department a tariff reducing rates for local switching and transport charges, effective May 10, 2002. The tariff rates are identical to the charges Verizon has proposed in the Department's UNE cost proceeding, D.T.E. 01-20. Verizon proposes that these rates become effective immediately, subject to "true-up" based on a final order in D.T.E. 01-20. In addition, Verizon has proposed reducing the charges for Unbundled Telephone Company Reciprocal Compensation and Unbundled TC Reciprocal Compensation to be equivalent to the proposed terminating local switching rate.

The Department seeks comment on the reasonableness of Verizon's tariff in a new docket, D.T.E. 02-26. The Department seeks comment on whether the Department should suspend and investigate Verizon's proposed tariff revisions; let the tariff revisions go into effect as filed after the statutory time period; permit the proposed rates to become effective immediately; or take some other approach. Comments are due on or before 5:00 p.m., **Tuesday, April 30, 2002**. All parties to D.T.E. 01-20 have been made parties to D.T.E. 02-26. Intervention petitions from other interested persons are due on or before 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 26, 2002**. If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 305-3608.